



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 17

Meeting Date: May 15, 2007

Meeting Location: Dubois County DCS

Council Members Present: Susan Lesko, Leslie Rowland, Lisa Bowles, Constance Branch, Georgann Gogel,

Council Members Absent: Judge Weikert, David Galloway, Amy Smith, Bonita Mattingly

Others In Attendance: Lana Tobin, Melinda Berry, Herbert Gordon, Natalie Kassenbrock, Kris Mann, John Cuss, Cathy Cuss

<h3>Meeting Minutes</h3>

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:00 A.M.

1. John and Cathy Cuss with Hoosier Hills Pact discussed the youth program t they provide. The summer transition program is voluntary with no cost to the parent.
They now have 18 children from Crawford, 20 from Springs Valley and 12 from Paoli. Each group meets 1 full day a week.
This year they expanded the school program by serving the Orleans School for the first time.
Cathy stated they are in need of funding for their home based programs. Pact is interested in partnering with Community Partners.
2. Natalie and Kris from Ireland Home Based Services gave a monthly summary of referrals and provided services for Community Partners. As of May 17, 2007 a total of 18 open cases are currently being serviced for Child Safety in Region 17. In the month of May a total of 7 new referrals were made and all 7 were serviced. Of the referrals, two came from Daviess County, one came from Dubois County, three from Martin County, and one from Perry County. A homemaker/parent aide was assigned to three cases, a juvenile mentor was assigned to one case, and a home based therapist was assigned to four cases.
They remain in the process of acquiring sub-contractors. Pact wants to be added to the list of sub-contractors. They are still waiting to hear from

Samaritan Center. Linda Jinglebach a provider in Perry Co. declined. Southern Hills Mental Health Center remains undecided and are still discussing within their agency. Per the request of the RSC they met with Lincoln Hills for a second time. Lincoln Hills agreed to give the sub-contracting a second look and are reviewing the proposal again.

3. Practice Reform

Region 17 has begun teaming and engaging training which is one of the Steps to child and family team meetings. Another training is scheduled for the end of May and one in June. After training our peer coaches will begin their training as group facilitators. When their training is complete they will train the rest of Region 17.

John Cuss (Region 18) stated some of his staff has attended CFT meetings and felt they were very positive and helpful.

Judge Payne will be meeting with all juvenile judges in June and will be discussing practice reform and CFT meetings.

4. Request for Funds:

Herb Gordon from Crawford County requested approval to use \$5,000.00 from his CW Funds to help Pact to help with their behavior monitoring program. Approved by the Council.

Georgann Gogel from Perry County requested approval for up to \$3,000.00 from her CW funds for Perry and Spencer County children to attend summer camp. This request was also approved by the Council.

5. Future Agenda Items:

County Budgets will be discussed.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: June 15, 2007 at 8:00 A.M. at the Dubois County DCS, 611 Bartley St., Jasper, IN

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:15 A.M.